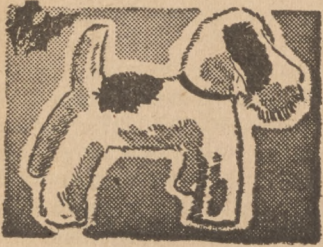


The
Forward
O. P.



Here's a tale of human kindness and the effect of it on a young lady of the canine family. Last week two charming ladies and a gentleman were exploring the upper reaches of Coyote Hole Canyon when they heard a whimpering sound nearby. Investigation disclosed a shaggy black and tan mongrel pup which, apparently, had fallen into a steep-walled pit in the canyon. After half an hour of scrambling exertion the gentleman managed to rescue the pup. Carrying it to the mouth of the canyon the trio placed it tenderly on the back seat of a beautiful new sedan they were driving and brought it to Joshua Tree where it was fed some water and milk. Evidently unaccustomed to such luxury and kindness the pooch promptly got sick all over the brand new upholstery. If you've lost a girl dog wearing a collar with brilliants adorning it stop at the Journal office and we'll tell you where the finders live.



Don't be surprised if, in a couple of years, Joshua Tree and Sun Valley rival the date growing areas in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys. At least there should be plenty of palm fronds swaying in the desert breezes if all the date palms that have been planted around here live up to the guarantee of the man who sold and planted them. Actually there doesn't seem to be any good reason why the trees shouldn't flourish here. They are supposed to be a typical desert tree. I think I'll place my order now for a pound of stuffed dates to be delivered at Christmas 1949.



Some of our young, and not so young, stalwarts have been practicing for a place in the Volunteer Fire Company soon to be formed. Many a Joshua Tree wife has been startled by hubby leaping out of bed and jumping into a prepared arrangement of trousers and red galluses before the alarm stopped ringing. And many a hubby has been figuring on adding a second floor to the home with a brass pole running from the bedroom to the floor below. Personally, I'm going to try out for chief button pusher on the siren alarm.

The reason for a brief visit paid by a well-known character actor

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Sun Valley Acres To Expand As Turkey Raising Center

The new and rapidly growing development of the Bunker Land Company northeast of Joshua Tree known as Sun Valley Acres is on its way to become the turkey capital of this great desert area. Blessed with the finest growing climate in the world and an abundance of pure water piped to each tract from excellent wells Sun Valley has proved to be

the door to opportunity for several growers and can well provide bountiful living for many more who wish to engage in profitable and essential industry. Chester R. Bunker, president of the Bunker Land Company, this week launched a new advertising campaign to bring this fact before the public.

"Actual results have demonstrated," said Bunker, "that turkey raising in Sun Valley has passed the experimental stage. In the past two years the famous broad-breasted bronze birds have been produced in marketable quantities and at a substantial profit by several growers. This desert area has what it takes for raising better than average turkeys with a minimum expenditure of money and effort."

Robert Kroes, pioneer turkey raised in Sun Valley, who has demonstrated the feasibility of profitable turkey growing said, "Any effort expended in the turkey industry here will pay big dividends. The opportunity is here for anyone interested in a more than fair return on money invested. Agricultural scientists are agreed that climatic conditions here are particularly favorable to turkey raising. Mortality from disease is practically unknown in this area."

"The expected meat shortage presages a good year for turkey raisers," Kroes explained, "and with the efficient storage facilities now available this delicious meat fowl can be enjoyed the year 'round. Responsible persons can obtain partial financing for the necessary feed during the growing season. It is conceded by millers and marketing cooperatives that 1948 will be an excellent year for the turkey raisers."

Because of the high quality of
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Telephones Now Operating In Joshua Tree

Bells are ringing, wires are humming and many an ear is quivering because of the modern service provided, at a nominal fee, of course, by the California Water and Telephone Company to the business firms and householders of Joshua Tree. Tuesday morning the switchboard started operating. "Who made the first call" is a subject for debate and it probably won't be settled unless Gladys Teeter, manager of the Joshua Tree exchange, divulges the information.

Sixty subscribers can now pick up the handy desk phone and order the groceries or exchange the latest gossip with the neighbor next door. Sunday many a dozing husband or dishwashing housewife was startled by the unaccustomed tinkle of a bell as Keith Horine and his crew tested many of the connections. Cable splicers put in long hours getting everything in readiness for the great day.

All Joshua Tree numbers begin with a lucky 7 for convenience in toll operation. A supervisor will spend as much time as is necessary in assisting Miss Teeter during the initial operation of the switchboard and setting up the office procedure. Relief at the board will also be furnished by Madge Rees of Yucaipa who has had several years experience in telephone work.

The Journal staff will welcome news items, classified ads and any other information via telephone. The number is easy to remember—

P.T.A. to Present Minstrel Show January 30th

A cast of more than forty school children and adults will be presented to the public in an old time Minstrel Show on Friday evening, January 30th at the Joshua Tree schoolhouse. Specialty numbers, songs, instrumental selections and dance novelties are now in rehearsal according to Mrs. Melbrey Papendick, chairman of the show committee of the Parent-Teacher Association. Members of the cast are from Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree and the surrounding desert area who attend the local elementary school.

Tickets will be sold by the school children at 75c for adults and 25c for the youngsters. Performers in the Minstrel Show will be admitted free.

The next meeting of the PTA Board will be at the home of Mrs. Mary Ojala on February 10th.

just say 7777.

A temporary directory will be issued in the near future. Establishment of the local exchange was effected too late for inclusion of Joshua Tree subscribers in this issue of the regular directory for this area.

Remember, dear readers, when Aunt Minerva comes to visit, or Susie cuts a new tooth, or even if the cat has kittens in the kitchen, just reach for the phone and when you hear, "Number, please," say "7777" and tell the Journal all about it.

New Owners Operating Crane Business

R. E. Stacey, Harold Jost and R. E. Stacey Jr., last week purchased the Cranes Builders Supply from J. J. and Mildred Crane who have conducted the lumber and building supply business on the 29 Palms Hiway in Joshua Tree for the past two years. Henceforth the firm will be called the Joshua Tree Builders Supply Company. The new owners purchased the stock and fixtures and will lease the building and yard from the Cranes.

Stacey, for many years affiliated with Southern California Freight Lines, formerly lived in Banning where he operated a taxi service and a service station. Jost, his son-in-law, is from South Gate. He was superintendent in the Los Angeles shops of Kobe Mfg. Co. For the past few weeks they have been building a home in Joshua Tree on Valley View Circle. When it is completed their families will join them here. Stacey Jr. will continue in his

present employment and join the other members of the firm when increased business demands his attention here.

The Joshua Tree Builders Supply Company will continue to offer a complete stock of building materials including lumber in all popular types and grades, builders hardware, plumbing fixtures and supplies, paints, cement, reinforcing steel, stoves, tools, roofing materials and allied items. Delivery service is available for patrons in this area.

A new shipment of dimension lumber and sheathing is expected to arrive at the yard about the first of the month, say the new owners. Special orders for material not in stock will be given prompt attention.

In an advertisement on another page of this issue of the Journal are listed many items of interest to builders.

Thrall to Run For Congress



C. BURTON THRALL

C. Burton Thrall, County Superintendent of Schools of San Bernardino County, announces his candidacy for Congress from California's 21st District.

Serving as County Superintendent of Schools since 1935, Mr. Thrall has been active in civic and fraternal affairs and is a veteran of World War II. He has lived in San Bernardino County most of his life and is now a resident of Colton.

Urged to become a candidate for Congress in 1940, Thrall announced his candidacy at that time. But when war threatened, he withdrew and answered the call to arms. He entered the service in 1941 and had over five years of active duty in the Army during the war. Two of these years were spent overseas in the Mediterranean Theater, where he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Although Thrall is a registered Republican, he has numerous friends and supporters in the Democratic party. Many friends in both parties have urged him to become a candidate and have pledged their support.

All four of Colonel and Mrs. Thrall's sons saw service in World War II, two of them losing their lives in action. Major Norman Thrall was killed in the invasion of the Philippines in January 1945, and Lieutenant Howard Thrall, a fighter-pilot, was shot down over Yugoslavia in March 1945. Robert Thrall is now a resident of Upland, and Alvin Thrall is a student at San Bernardino Valley College. All four boys attended high school at Chaffey or Colton.

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FIRE COMPANY TO BE STARTED WEDNESDAY

The community wide meeting for the purpose of organizing a volunteer fire company will be held in the Joshua Tree Community Hall Wednesday night, January 21st, at 8 p.m. Every resident of this area is urged to attend and assist in obtaining much needed fire protection for our home and business property.

Methods of financing equipment, territory to be served and many other matters will be decided. Don't forget the date — Wednesday, January 21st, at 8 p.m.

The Personal Touch

A guest at Golden Tree Lodge through the middle of last week was Miss Margaret Doyle of Los Angeles who accompanied Steve Moninger to Joshua Tree last Wednesday.

Jimmy Boyle of Los Angeles is at his Joshua Tree home for an extended stay on our desert.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bode moved last week to Long Beach. On their Joshua Tree property the Bodes have started over a hundred athel trees from slips and they report that nearly all are growing nicely.

Bill and Norma Bunker returned to Joshua Tree last week after a month spent in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford of Spokane, Washington are visiting Mrs. Crawford's sister and aunt, Mrs. Edythe Fraetis and Mrs. Julia Laughlin. They will be here for an indefinite stay.

Hugh Marble and sons, Fred and Don, did a neat bit of rearranging on Pick Laughlin's neon sign last week. Now it will do a better job of coloring up the evening scene.

Quality Furniture—Lyons Furn. Co.

W. E. Butler, Pasadena realtor, was a Journal visitor last Saturday. Mrs. Alice Larsen and Mr. Butler recently purchased the Owens property in Yucca Valley.

Mrs. Nellie Lyle of Hollywood was in Joshua Tree early last week on business and visiting old friends here in her former home.

G. A. Daniels, deputy county school superintendent, from San Bernardino dropped into the Journal office last Wednesday on his way to a school conference in 29 Palms.

After a year of Army duty in Alaska, Paul Dimon will join his wife in Joshua Tree this week. The Dimons will remain here for a three or four week visit with Mrs. Dimon's mother Mrs. Margaret Bair.

Milton Gair, proprietor of Gair's Men's Store in Redlands, was a Journal visitor last Tuesday. Mr. Gair is nationally known for his effective advertising methods and is often asked to address business and professional gatherings.

Box Candy—The Gift Box.

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COCKTAILS

CLOSED WEDNESDAY

Yucca Valley

Mr. and Mrs. John Robb, frequent visitors to Joshua Tree, were in town early last week. Mrs. Robb is a sister of Charles Shelly and Mr. Robb is a brother of Mrs. Mary Wheeler. The Robbs renewed their Journal subscription while they were here.

Mrs. Florence Brown of Los Angeles is visiting Mrs. Margaret Bair at the latter's home on Sunburst Circle.

W. G. Jackson of Estes Park Colorado, and his son, V. G. Jackson of South Gate were visitors at the Journal office last Saturday. W. G. Jackson is publisher of the weekly Estes Park Trail.

Chrome Sets — Lyons Furn. Co.

Guests last week at Sunrise Motel included Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reelby of Beverly Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Elsert of Montebello and Julius Bauman and daughter, Mrs. Pauline York of Los Angeles.

Charles Shelly has been ill for the past two weeks at the Redlands Community Hospital. He was taken there a week ago Monday by the Joshua Tree ambulance. His condition has remained generally unchanged for the past week.

At the LeOrra Courts last week the following guests were registered: Dr. and Mrs. Patrick and son of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wells of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Merrill of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Thompson of Los Angeles, William G. Ische and Niel A. Larsen of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Mr. and Mrs. Creed Click of Los Angeles. The Clicks intend to build in Joshua Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pelham, Miss Ellen Williams and Miss Rosemond of Los Angeles were visitors at the Ray Rees home last weekend. They stayed at Joshua Tree lodge Saturday night.

Mrs. Rorschach Honored at Shower

Gabrielle Rorschach whose dress shop and home just west of town was recently destroyed by fire was the guest of honor at a shower given by six of her friends and neighbors. The hostesses were Mme. Eunice King, Ella Krumcke, Irene Wilds, Edith Saunders, Fae Wilson and Mary Ojala. Many ladies of Joshua Tree and nearby communities attended the affair which was held in the Community Hall last Wednesday afternoon, January 14th.

Many lovely gifts were received by Mrs. Rorschach as well as good wishes for the future. The Community Association contributed the use of the Hall for the occasion; the Womens Club made the coffee and presented a cash gift contributed by many friends and collected by the Club.

Mrs. Rorschach asked the Journal to convey her thanks to the many individuals and organizations who have helped so much in her misfortune. She appreciates the aid and thoughtfulness of the hostesses, the Women's Club, the Community Association, and the Legion and Auxiliaries of Yucca Valley and 29 Palms.

X-Ray Lab to Visit Joshua Tree Soon

On Monday, February 9th, all citizens of Joshua Tree and vicinity will have an opportunity to get a free check up on their lungs and chest. The traveling laboratory of the San Bernardino County TB and Health Association will be parked from 2 to 6 p.m. near the Desert Trading Post to make X-rays for all who want this service.

When tuberculosis is found early the chances for complete recovery are excellent provided treatment is started at once.

Post Cards—The Gift Box.

Ambulance Answers Four Calls

The Joshua Tree ambulance again proved an agent of mercy when four trips were made during the past week. On Monday, January 12th Charles Shelly was taken to the Redlands Community Hospital at the request of Dr. William Ince. Mr. Shelly suffered a heart attack at 4:30 a.m. Ray Rees drove and Mrs. Shelly was the attendant.

January 15th V. R. Hayes was taken to Dr. Ince's 29 Palms office for treatment and medication. Mrs. Hayes attended her husband and Rees was the driver.

I. L. Wright of North Hollywood, who was visiting in Yucca Valley was rushed to Riverside Hospital because of intestinal hemorrhage last Sunday morning. Dr. Ince requested the ambulance which Ray Rees drove with Edith Parrish attending the patient.

Immediately after the Riverside trip a call was received from Dr. E. L. Smith requesting the ambulance to move J. B. Webb from Pioneer-

Musical Trio Visits Arches

The Johnny Arch Trio, popular Milwaukee, Wisconsin, entertainers, came to Joshua Tree last week for an extended visit with the leader's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arch on Sunburst and Sunset Road. Members of the trio are Bob Carter, piano and vibraharp virtuoso; Glenn Roeder, guitarist; and Johnny Arch, string bass.

The Arch Trio has just finished engagements in their former home at Knob Hill, Club C.O.D., and the Red Room. In Johnny's repertoire are more than 300 ballad vocal numbers and the trio features many vocal novelties. In addition to a complete selection of jazz and standard musical tunes they are adept at classical renditions. This week the boys are contacting Hollywood agents for local engagements.

town to the Mellette Guest Ranch near Yucca Valley. Mr. Webb had heart trouble. Dr. Smith and Edith Parrish attended and Ray Rees drove.



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Women's Club Plans Valentine Party

A card party sponsored by the Joshua Tree Womens Club will be held at the Community Hall on Valentine's Day, February 14th, at 8:00 p.m. it was decided at the last regular Club meeting on Friday. This may be the first in a regular series of such parties to be given by the Womens Club if present plans mature.

Hostesses for last Fridays meeting were Mrs. Ray Rees and Mrs. C. O. Peterson. Mrs. Meredith Willey was appointed acting secretary. Mrs. Frank Crawford of Spokane, Washington, was a guest of the Club.

Affiliation with the California Federation of Womens Clubs was discussed and Mrs. Gus Ojala appointed to investigate the matter.

Members were asked to come an hour earlier to the next meeting in order to assist the sewing circle in tying a quilt. The next board meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. M. Lyday on February 5th.

Office Furniture—Lyons Furn. Co.

Western Mining Council Organizes Chapter

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a chapter of the Western Mining Council was held at the Smoke Tree Broiler in 29 Palms Tuesday night, January 20th. Notices were mailed by Patrick Thornton, chairman pro tem, to all persons in this area interested in mining and the program of the organization.

Eighty local residents had already signified their willingness to become charter members of the 29 Palms chapter. Members of the Indio chapter of the Council and the Indio Chamber of Commerce attended as did representatives of the Riverside County Chamber of Mines.

From the Joshua Tree area Charles L. Stokes of Purity Ranch attended. He has long been active in Council affairs and interested in the development of mining activities in this region.

Magazines — The Gift Box

Lions Hear About Technocracy

Members of the Tri-Valley Lions Club meeting at Boucheys in Yucca Valley last Thursday night heard the principles of Technocracy explained by Bert Coffin of 29 Palms who was the guest speaker. Many visiting Lions and guests attended the dinner meeting.

As a special feature of the evening Frank Sabathy, a resident of this desert area for 56 years, was made an honorary member of the Club. President Tommy Bouchey presented his own pin which he received as a charter member to Sabathy in conferring the honor.

On Wednesday evening this week 20 members of the Tri-Valley Club will attend the meeting of the Palm Springs Lions Club in that city.

Platform Rockers—Lyons Furn. Co.

If you have an Alcohol Problem and want to do something about it, write

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Box 100, Joshua Tree

Sun Valley Acres

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Kroes' flock and other birds grown in Sun Valley last season feed men and marketing associations are convinced that this area should be especially good for egg production also. Now is a good time to start turkey production and until May poults may be started and raised to maturity in time for holiday markets.

Advertising in metropolitan dailies and local weekly publications has created much interest in the Sun Valley area. The weekend brought many visitors from nearby communities and cities throughout Southern California. Larry Gray, tract manager for the Bunker Land Company at the Sun Valley office, reported that the recent advertisements had attracted many prospective settlers. Said Gray, "Sun Valley offers the opportunity to realize excellent returns on a small investment. Not only is this a great place for turkeys, but garden produce of all kinds will flourish in

the soil here. Several families in Sun Valley have grown as high as thirty different varieties of produce."

Small ranch tracts offered by the Bunker Company are 1½, 3 and 6 acres with larger pieces available if desired. In the last year the number of homes in Sun Valley has more than doubled. In 1947 Kroes and Robert Morris were the only large scale turkey growers there but this year at least a half dozen large flocks will be started by individual growers. On one ranch over two thousand poults are expected this Saturday.

The dry, sunny climate peculiar to the altitude at Sun Valley plus the low initial investment required make turkey raising an attractive venture at this time. Added factors that contribute to the desirability of his line of endeavor are the short time required to mature the birds, the small amount of physical effort needed, and the fact that improved storage and marketing practices make turkey meat an all-year food product.

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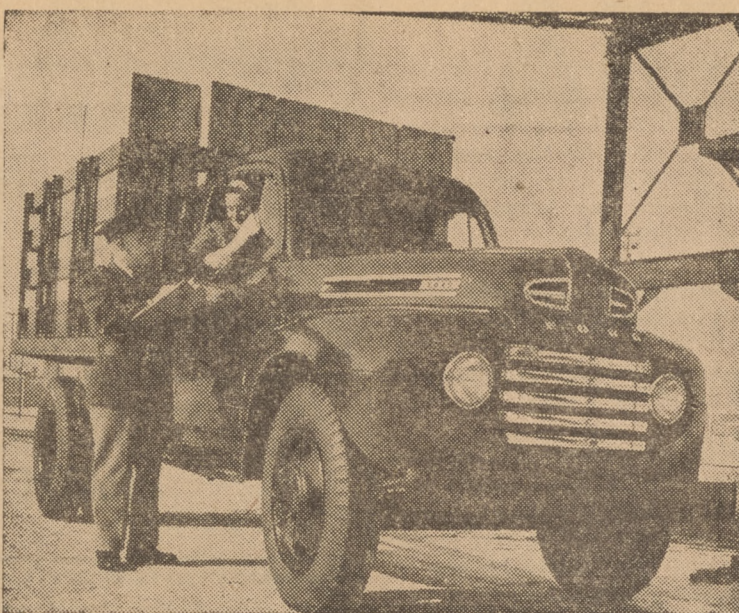
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The new 1948 series F-5 Ford 1½-ton, 134-inch wheelbase truck with a nine-foot stake body was shown to the public today by the Ford Motor Company. The new truck line represents the first postwar products of Ford and is offered in a wider range of models and capacities than ever before, from ½-ton pick-up and panel models through 2½- and 3-ton series F-7 and F-8, the largest trucks the company has ever built.

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FACTS

Turkeys cost less to produce on the desert — profits are greater.

The turkey industry is growing by leaps and bounds.

Turkeys steaks and new uses for turkey creates an ever-expanding market.

Cold storage makes turkey meat a big seller every day — not simply a Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday feast.

Turkeys have proven big money makers for many years — and the business is in its infancy.

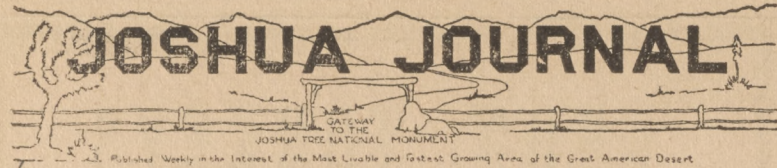
Opportunity ! ! !

Go direct to the tract office at Sun Valley, 4 miles east of Joshua Tree. See for yourself this fine fertile desert land or write a letter or postal card to our Los Angeles office, 112 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles 15, for illustrated folder and complete details of the turkey industry. Investigate this offer now.

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County Head Explains New School Law

Because of the interest aroused by the recent annexation election of desert schools to the San Bernardino Valley College District, C. Burton Thrall, County Superintendent of Schools, is making public more information concerning the duties and responsibilities of the San Bernardino Local Survey Committee.

The law authorizing the formation of the State Commission on School Districts to study the reorganization of school districts was enacted in the 1945 and 1947 session of the California Legislature. This law set up several regional commissions and local survey committees.

The San Bernardino Local Survey Committee is composed of eight members appointed by the State Commission on School Districts upon nomination of the Regional Survey Director. The ninth member is C. Burton Thrall, the law providing that all county superintendents must serve as ex officio members of their respective local survey committees. The eight appointed members are: Dr. John L. Lounsbury, President, San Bernardino Valley Junior College; Mr. George M. Kibby, Superintendent, Needles Schools; Mr. Robert H. Greer, Yermo; Mr. T. A. Lee, Adelanto; Mr. R. C. Gerber, Redlands; Mr. Homer Bogue Jr., Chino; Mr. William O. Lewis, Colton; Mr. Bruce Miller, Superintendent, Ontario Schools. Dr. Lawrence White is the Regional Director.

The present law provides that, after making a survey of any area, Local Survey Committees must submit their recommendations for reorganization to the Regional Commission. If approved by the Regional Commission, the plan goes to the State Commission on School Districts for approval.

If the State Commission approves the recommendation, the County Superintendent of Schools is notified. It is then mandatory for him to call an election to determine the wishes of the voters of the area under consideration. An open hearing must also be held in every

elementary district involved at least thirty days prior to the election.

At the last meeting of the Local Survey Committee, held on January 9th, the members expressed the opinion that several provisions of the existing law are unwise. A subcommittee was appointed to study all the provisions and make recommendations for changes to the full committee. If these changes are approved by the committee, they will be submitted to the State Commission on School Districts with the recommendation that appropriate amendments to existing law be submitted to the next session of the California Legislature.

As County Superintendent of Schools, C. Burton Thrall has made the following statement:

"The consolidation of existing school districts is justified only if it will result in an advantage to the school districts involved. Such advantage may be either (1) an improvement in the learning situation for the pupils, (2) a reduction in operating costs for the taxpayers, (3) or both. If none of these is likely to occur consolidation is not advisable.

"Unionization of large elementary schools in two or more well defined communities, either incorporated or not, should seldom, if ever, be attempted. In such cases community pride in the local school is always evident and loss of local control is looked upon with suspicion by most citizens. The advantages of the schools remaining within the direct control of the local residents should be seriously considered and consolidation should be effected only by logical reasoning, and never by force. Unionization of small schools with adjacent larger schools is often indicated, but unionization of two or more small schools forming a truly rural union school may be more desirable. The independent school district is the last stronghold of home rule, and people everywhere hesitate to give it up. There is a definite value in this feeling—that of direct responsibility for a governmental unit."

Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LEMERT PAXTON



THE JOSHUAS

Like a heavy cloak the blackness of the night has draped itself about my cabin. The north wind whistles around the windows but here in front of the fireplace there is a cozy, friendly warmth. The "Standard Hour" program is coming in over the radio and I am grateful for the inspiring music, and yet certain well-remembered numbers keep bringing with them happy memories—memories of other days.

Self-pity can so easily follow in the wake of memories, and no one can afford to indulge in that weakness! Always the time comes to every one when he must realize that, although he be surrounded by many friends, he still must go on alone. Yes, and while one goes courageously on, holding high his head, he should have a pleasant smile or a cheerful word for the other fellow; he, too may be going the way alone!

Heywood-Wakefield-Lyons Fur. Co.

Farm News Shorts

Value of California vegetable and melon crops again established a new record in 1947, reaching an estimated total of \$302,688,000. This is 8.4 per cent increase over the total value of these crops in 1946.

Tomatoes were the leading California vegetable crop in 1947 in terms of acreage, a total of 169,500 acres. Lettuce was the most valuable vegetable crop produced in 1947, having an estimated total value of \$78,300,000.

The December 15 hatchery report indicates commercial hatchings in November 24 per cent below 1946, and 17 per cent less eggs in incubators December 1 than a year ago.

Good movement of turkeys through the holiday season with generally rising markets... claimed a good part of the 1947 turkey crop and held turkey storage of December 1 much below the previous year. California had 12,726,000 pounds stored this year, compared with 7,243,000 pounds December 1, last year.

Basket Ware—The Gift Box.

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Three-In-One Breakfast Treat



By BETTY BARCLAY

Yes, here's how to turn one food, cereal, into three entirely different breakfast delicacies. So why not polish up on your breakfast policy instead of the family silver in order to glide over those mid-morning sags. And this holds true for mom and pop as well as the kiddies! Learn to vary the ways you serve your cereal because good things bear repeating even in the same meal when served in a different form.

Below you will find an excellent cereal "main dish" for breakfast, and an ideal menu for a cool weather morning meal. And last, but far from least, here is a recipe for a very delicious home-made coffee cake, to supply the desired finishing touch to a perfect breakfast.

Fried Wheat-Meal

1/2 teaspoon salt
2 1/2 cups boiling water
3/4 cup wheat-meal

Add salt to boiling water in saucepan. Add cereal slowly, stirring constantly. Bring again to a boil and cook 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour into cold wet mold. Let stand overnight, or until cold and firm. Turn from pan. Slice in 1/2 inch slices and sauté in small amount of fat, turning to brown both sides. Serve with maple-flavored syrup. Makes 6 servings. Left-over cooked Wheat-Meal may be used in this way.

Fried Wheat-Meal with Fruit. Add 1/2 cup seedless raisins, chopped dates, or chopped figs to cooked Wheat-Meal before turning into mold.

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*Wheat Flakes Coffee Cake

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1/2 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons sugar
4 tablespoons shortening
1 egg, well beaten
3/4 cup milk
1 cup wheat flakes

2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1/2 cup wheat flakes

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt, and sugar and sift again. Cut in shortening. Combine egg and milk and add to flour mixture, stirring only enough to dampen flour. Add 1 cup wheat flakes and blend carefully. Turn into greased 9-inch layer pan. Mix butter and brown sugar and spread over dough; sprinkle with 1/2 cup wheat flakes. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 25 minutes. Serve warm.

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Thomas and Martin Thrall to Run Entertain Writer's League

Before the League of American Penwomen, California Chapter, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on January 13th, Ozro Dodge Thomas, Yucca Mesa poet, presented a pre-publication review of his forthcoming book "Desert Magic," and Kirk Martin exhibited his original illustrations in color which will adorn the volume. Thomas, author of "Sharp Is The Sword," also told of his methods in producing the poems.

Kirk Martin will present the first in a series of art classes at the Joshua Tree Community Hall on Thursday evening, January 22nd.

The author and artist have been invited to appear before the post-Easter meeting of Sans Souci.

Artist Exhibits At Hatch Office

A display of paintings by Michael Mallory, noted artist of Pasadena, is currently on exhibition at the office of William B. Hatch in 29 Palms at the Plaza.

All persons with an interest in things artistic are invited to view this worthwhile exhibit. The paintings will be on display throughout the month of January.

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Superintendent Thrall is a graduate of Chaffey Union High School and has studied at Claremont College and Chaffey Junior College. He has a Master of Arts degree from the University of Redlands. Mr. Thrall has also studied law and qualified for the California Bar Examination. He is a member of the Colton Rotary Club, of the the Ontario Masonic Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, and is a Past Exalted Ruler of the Ontario Lodge of Elks.

Col. Thrall's military experience began in 1930 when he enlisted as a private in Ontario's National Guard Company G, 185th Infantry. After serving with the 40th In-

fantry Division, Headquarters of the Fourth Army, and the Port of San Francisco, Col. Thrall climaxed his military career with two years' service in North Africa, Italy, and in the invasion of Southern France.

He has held many positions with the Southern Pacific Railroad, from "mud-hop" to yardmaster and worked part of the time as brakeman through San Fernando, Saugus and Lancaster. Thrall carries a paid-up card in the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, being a member of the Charles W. Bird Lodge No. 1036 of San Bernardino.

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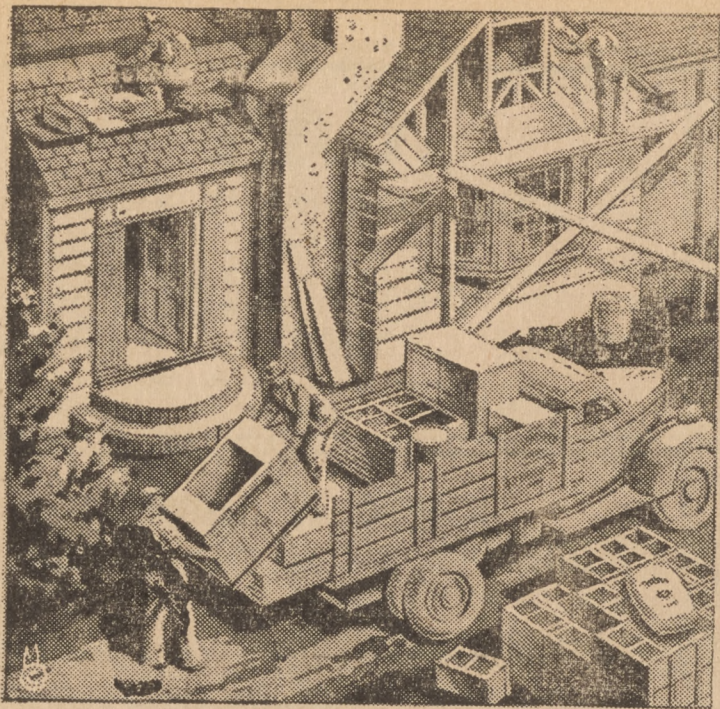
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By GLADYS ULRICH

Visiting Mrs. Maxine Zilliox are her parents and sister from Missouri.

Mr. Varel Grimes spent his vacation visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Grimes. He is employed by Pan American Airlines and lives in San Jose.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Termath, their two sons, daughter-in-law and grandson visited Morongo last weekend. They hope to build here soon.

Morongo Valley folks are looking forward to the early completion of the new schoolhouse and community building.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Terp are visiting for a few days in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector McKenzie are spending a couple of weeks in their lovely home in the valley.

The Morongo Valley Womens Club is sponsoring a bingo and card party Wednesday night, January 21st, at the Al Borg Guest Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hardesty were in Phoenix, Arizona for a few days visiting Mrs. Hardesty's relatives.

In Morongo early this month were Mr. and Mrs. A. Kuhn of Sherman Oaks who will soon reside here.

After a month spent in the City of the Angels Frank Sabathy has returned to his Morongo home.

Guests at the Al Borg Hotel last week were Mr. and Mrs. Don Malone, Mr. O. Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anger and Mr. Orv de Yoe.

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Morongo Women's Club Honors Mrs. Don Dunkle

Following the regular business session of the Morongo Womens Social Club last week a baby shower was given for Mrs. Don Dunkle, a new member.

Other new members who affiliated with the Club at the meeting were Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. Ray Carter and Mrs. Kenneth Byrd.

Plans were completed for the card and bingo party to be given January 21st at the Al Borg Hotel. Prizes, music and refreshments will be the attractions.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Dan Murphy.

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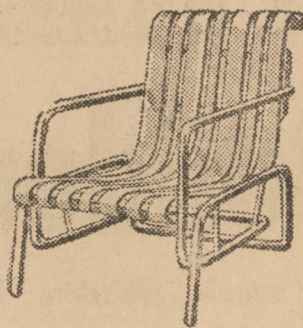
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By ANTOINETTE KIRCH

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Yucca Valley Church Notes

Increasing interest in the Sunday School was shown by the attendance of 68 at the Sunday service, January 18th.

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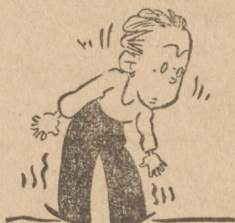
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